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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY AIRLIFT OF COMPRESSORS TO MALI

1. FED HAS AGREED TO PURCHASE TEN PUMPS AND TEN AUXILIARY GENERATORS FOR DESPERATELY NEEDED WELLS IN MALIAN DROUGHT AREAS. THIS EQUIPMENT BEING BROUGHT HERE ON REGULAR AIR MALI FLIGHTS. FED ALSO BUYING FIVE COMPRESSORS NEEDED TO DIG OUT OR DEEPEN WELLS. ACCORDING TO FED, THESE COMPRESSORS WEIGH 1,620 KILOS EACH AND WILL HAVE SHIPPING VOLUME OF ABOUT 50 CUBIC METERS ( BOXES WILL BE 2.70 METERS BY 1.86 METERS BY 1.68 METERS). COMPRESSORS WERE AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY IN FRANKFURT ON MAY 15. FED AND GOM ATTEMPTING ARRANGE AIR DELIVERY SOON THEREAFTER SO COMPRESSORS CAN BE MOVED BY TRUCK TO PLACES WHERE THEY NEEDED BEFORE MID- JUNE RAINS SFBP MOVEMENT EXCEPT ON PAVED ROADS.

2. MINISTER PRODUCTION COULIBALY ASKED AMBASSADOR ON APRIL 7 IN UNDP ASSISTANT DCSECTOR FOR AFRICA HAD APPROACHED USG TO PROVIDE AIRLIFT AS HE HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO DO BY GOM. AMBASSADOR SIAD GX KINGUE HAD NOT MADE OFFICIAL REQUEST IN BAMA KO BUT PERHAPS HE HAD DONE SO IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK.

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3. MEANWHILE, WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN ASKED BY GOM WHETHER, " IF US UNABLE" TO PROVIDE AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR COMPRESSORS, GERMAN MILITARY PLANEHTICH FILES TO BAMAKO EVERY MONTH COULD DO SO. AMBASSADOR BLAKE TOLD GERMANS US NOT YET OFFICIALLY APPROACHED AND SUGGESTED THAT IF GERMAN MILITARY PLANE COULD CARRY COMPRESSORS, IT SHOULD DO SO. GERMAN AMBASSADOR WILL LET US KNOW ABOUT GERMAN DECISION, BUT ASKS MATTER NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

4. COMMENT: AS REOPENING WATER SUPPLY FROM THESE WELLS IS PRIORITY OBJECTIVE, SUGGEST WE KEEP POSSIBILITY OPEN OF PROVIDING AIR TRANSPORT FOR COMPRESSORS, IF GERMANS NOT ABLE TO DO SO.  
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